



- 1 -

Docket No. 0756-2149

2811

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)

Hisashi OHTANI et al)

Serial No. 09/593,765)

Filed: June 14, 2000)

For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING)

A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

) Group Art Unit: 2811

) Examiner: Nguyen, Cuong Quang

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with The United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20131, on 2-20-02

April Campbell

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

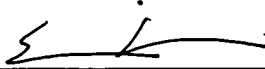
RECEIVED
MAR 11 2002
TC-2800 MAIL ROOM

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Official Action mailed February 4, 2002.

The Official Action did not, however, include an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 13, 2001. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of November 4, 2001 by providing a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.

If a conference would be beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric J. Robinson
Registration No. 38,285

NIXON PEABODY LLP
8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 800
McLean, Virginia 22102
(703) 790-9110
(703) 883-0370 (FAX)